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NSERC INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS - 1990-91

NSERC recently introduced a new Program of International Fellowships to assist non-Canadian doctorate holders to spend up to two years at a Canadian institution. It is hoped that these awards will attract young researchers in other countries and that Canadian universities will benefit from their presence in our universities.

NSERC has placed advertisements about this program in several international journals.

Concordia University's quota for these fellowships will be three (3).

Applications for the NSERC International Fellowships are available from this office or your Department Chair. It is important to discuss with the Chair of your Department possible candidates for this fellowship. There will be a two-stage selection process for these awards. As these fellowships are limited, please ensure that only excellent candidates are nominated. All nominations must be screened within the Departments and Faculties prior to submission to this office. Deadline date to O.R.S. will be DECEMBER 6, 1989. A Concordia University committee will be established to review all the applications.

Should you require further information on these fellowships, an information sheet is available from O.R.S.

NSERC - "TEN YEARS TO 2000" - STRATEGIC PLAN

NSERC has now issued their Strategic Plan entitled "Ten Years to 2000". The main theme is NSERC's strategic challenge for maintaining Canada's competitiveness in research and research training. A limited number of copies are available from this office.

SSHRC - CANADA RESEARCH FELLOWS 1989-90

SSHRC has recently announced that the fourth and final competition for the Canada Research Fellowships (CRF) will be held this fall.

Fellowships are valued at $35,000 plus a $4,000 research allowance per year. The cost of these fellowships will be shared equally by SSHRC and the nominating university.Nomination forms will be available in early August and must be completed and returned to O.R.S. no later than **SEPTEMBER 20**.

Eligibility: Nominees must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents and must by the date of application, hold a doctoral degree in one of the social sciences or humanities disciplines. Individuals holding a tenured or tenure-track appointment are not eligible.

SSHRC NEWS

For those of you who may not have seen the SSHRC News - Spring 1989 edition, I would like to highlight some of the decisions taken by the Council as a result of two studies undertaken during the past year (Courtney & Paquet Reports):

A. *Changes in SSHRC's Research Grants Program effective for the 1990 competition:*

1. Greater emphasis will be placed on previous research achievements of an applicant. Under this new system, the previous research activities of the individual and their capacity to advance knowledge will be taken into account.

   In ranking established researchers, the following weighting will be used: 70% for research achievement and 30% for the proposed research program. This shift will be sufficiently flexible to permit new scholars without a research record to be considered by shifting the weighting system.

2. Grants will be awarded for broad, on-going, and well-planned programs of research, rather than specific short-term research projects. Such a program of research may well contain several research projects. This form of funding will provide researchers more flexibility "to build up a body of scholarship on a subject or on related topics".

B. *Reformulation of SSHRC's Objectives of the Research Grants Program:*

1. Objectives of the Research Grants program will remain the same, however, SSHRC will also stress the support of training for young scholars and future researchers in the social sciences and humanities.

C. *Strategic Grants Program*

1. A new thematic program will be initiated in 1990-91 in the area of Applied Ethics. "Council believes that it should address the multitude of ethical questions confronting today's society, such as those imposed by the introduction of new technology in medicine or the proliferation of chemical waste and its consequences for the environment".

2. The 1990-91 competition will see the theme "The Family and the Socialization of Children" discontinued, since the Council is of the opinion that it has met its objective of stimulating research activity in this area.

3. Seed Money Grants for all the Strategic programs have been discontinued effective immediately. This program was not as effective as had been planned. In addition, a small percent of those who received such funding did not apply for Strategic Grants, and for those who did, the success rate was low.

4. Two Strategic programs: "Human Context of Science and Technology" and "Managing the Organization in Canada" will be redesigned and restructured.

5. The Selection Committees for these grants will be more broadly based to include experts from the various socio-economic sectors according to the themes being considered.

6. Greater emphasis will now be placed on the dissemination of research results. Applicants will henceforth outline their plans for publicizing their findings. In view of this, researchers may allot up to 10% of their total grants budget to this cost.

DIRECTION GENERALE DE LA PLANIFICATION ET DE L'EVALUATION
MINISTERES DE LA SANTE ET DES SERVICES SOCIAUX

The Ministeries of Health and Social Services are asking for Request for Proposals toward the realization of a longitudinal evaluation on the factors influencing the quality of life and the social integration of intellectually handicapped individuals.

The first step will be a feasibility study which will demonstrate the capability of the team and an overview of the project outlining the general approach and research methodology ($5,000).

In the second step, the committee will choose the projects of most relevance. These will be funded over a five-year period with a global funding of approximately $500,000.

The deadline date for the feasibility study will be AUGUST 4, 1989. For further information, you may call (418) 643-6583.

ETHICS CONFERENCE AT GUELPH

The University of Guelph will be sponsoring a World Conference entitled "Ethical Choices in the Age of Pervasive Technology" October 25-29, 1989. This Conference will be addressing issues of critical global importance to scientists, economists, educators, researchers as well as decision makers in industry and government. The issues will be of concern to all individuals regarding our common future. Anyone interested in receiving more information on this Conference might wish to write to:

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